



# Lt. DAN BAND salutes base

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Dan Taylor, from “Forrest Gump” film-notoriety, said he never thanked Forrest for saving his life. Such is not the case for real-life actor Gary Sinise, who played the lieutenant, as he and his 12-member classic-rock band rocked Whiteman troops and their families at the 442nd Fighter Wing 5-Bay hangar Wednesday night.

The Lt. Dan Band finished their fourth United Services Organization tour, which included stops in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Missouri in a show of support and to thank U.S. troops for their sacrifices.

Mr. Sinise, who is taking a break from acting until July 10, said he is touring bases with the band to let the troops know that people are backing them up.

“It’s very heartening to be around people who are giving something back by serving their country and trying to do something positive,” he said. “It’s a good feeling when I can go out and pat the troops on the back and tell them ‘Great job!’”

The band was originally formed by Mr. Sinise and Chicago composer, Kimo Williams, as something fun to do. It wasn’t until October 2003, that it turned serious when Mr. Sinise asked the USO if the organization would let them take a band with them.

Since then, the band has been an outlet for Mr. Sinise and it’s taken

him to places that he said are far too many for him to remember. However, he said he doesn’t forget the expressions of gratitude from the troops.

“It’s an incredible high. The troops are the most appreciative audience a band could have,” he said. “They don’t get a lot of entertainment in certain places, and they really let you know they’re grateful you came out.”

Mr. Sinise has been affiliated with the military for 20 years, and it’s that longevity that has inspired him to continue touring remote areas overseas with the band. The band has toured U.S. bases in Kuwait, Qatar, Afghanistan, Iraq and Diego Garcia.

“Gary is one of our best USO supporters,” said Jeff Harvey, USO director of operations. “Besides having a top-10 television show, he always takes time for the troops and their families.”

When not touring with the band, Gary Sinise also has donated his time to help those less fortunate. Two years ago, he helped start the Operation Iraqi Children organization, based in Kansas City, which sends hundreds of thousands of packages to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to give to school-age children in those countries.

Nevertheless, Gary Sinise continues giving back to the military through many avenues his on-screen character didn’t. Through his efforts, the troops, their families and children in Iraq and Afghanistan have heard his thanks.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Actor/musician Gary Sinise jams out during a free concert for Team Whiteman members in the 442nd 5-bay hangar Wednesday. Mr. Sinise is the bassist for the Lt. Dan Band. For more photos see Page 5.

# 509th Bomb Wing commander addresses team

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

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Battle rhythm, safety, teamwork, focus and goals; these were some of the topics Col. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, touched on during a series of commander’s calls he gave to Airmen this week.

Since assuming his new position as commander in May, the colonel said he has been impressed with the work he has seen from the people of the 509th.

“I’m interested in integrating battle rhythms at the wing level and creating solutions to help create an environment that enables you to be excellent at what you do,” Colonel Biscone said. “Though I’ve completed my initial immersion, I’ll continue to visit your offices, shops and work areas ... there’s no one more important in this wing than you as you go about your daily duties.”

The commander mentioned safety as a culture every team should foster by finding people who may not have it in

their nature to be safe, and teach them the culture. Having each other’s back is key when it comes to taking risks, especially since the 101 Critical Days of Summer are upon us, he said.

A few points to remember: “Think before you do something that’s new or different,” and “If you’ve had too much to drink and then get in your car, you’ve gone from fun to dumb,” he said.

The commander also said the wing’s focus must be our mission: weapons on target, on time. He emphasized that people should be rested and ready to go to war when the time comes. That plan calls for the troops to take care of themselves as individuals and not burn themselves out by working too much.

“If you’re not preparing yourself and you’re not taking



care of yourself, you’re wrong,” he said. “You can’t be selfless until you’ve taken care of yourself so you’re in a position to contribute. You have to focus on what’s most important.”

While the mission continues to evolve and the Air Force shapes its numbers through such plans as force shaping and next year’s request for additional retirements for colonels, Colonel Biscone said these Airmen have contributed greatly and have his respect.

“My goal is to be the best at what we do. There’s nobody who’s second-more or less important,” he said. “We need to be able to communicate as we build the next Air Force. I take your strength and our strength as a unit very seriously ... join me in continuing to build this strength.”

**Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit**

**NSSAV: July 24-28**

**Countdown 45 days**

**NSSAV tip of the week:** Review last year’s NSSAV and NSI report plus other unit’s NSI reports. Pay attention to the findings, deficiencies and make note of the strengths.



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## Air Force Quiz

When was the rank of non-commissioned officer established?  
(see answer below)

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Air Force Quiz answer

## Commander's Comments

Mentoring:  
Where to begin?

By Col. Greg Biscone

509th Bomb Wing commander

When I stop to speak with you in July, I'll ask about your professional goals and your plan to track, with your supervisor, your progress.

As I indicated during my Commander's Call this week, we'll take time this month to focus on mentoring. Start or continue a conversation with supervisors to set a few job-related or personal, non-job-related goals to improve.

The goal may be as simple as quitting smoking by Labor Day. As a mentor, you should periodically check to see the person you're assisting is making progress toward that goal. Remember, ideally supervisors are also mentors, but anyone can be there for a friend, coworker or junior Air Force member.

All of us have something to teach to each other, something to contribute. The 509th Bomb Wing commanders, chiefs and first shirts should reach supervisors at all levels and ensure each knows the importance of mentoring in building an ever stronger Air Force ... and become an active mentor.

Mentorship fills in the gaps and completes the passing of professional and personal knowledge found in purely formal education, training and supervision.

Mentors care about building an environment of trust (integrity), teamwork (selflessness), and continuous improvement (excellence). Mentors advise, coach, counsel and guide — they build leaders.

Gen. Bill Creech, commander of Tactical Air Command from 1978 through 1984, used to say there are three types of leaders: those who make it better, those who make it worse, and those who are caretakers ... people who just punch the clock.

Mentors continue to strengthen those who make it better, find ways to inspire those who make it worse, and energize the caretakers.

General Creech was a mentor of Gen. Chuck Horner. In an interview with author Edgar Puryear, General Horner described the extraordinary impact General Creech's mentoring had on the Air Force.

He said, "I want everyone to know of

the monumental contribution made by General Creech to the success of our air campaign in the Gulf War. I was in the Tactical Air Command both before and after he brought us fresh ideas on how to organize and lead in the late seventies and early eighties, and I can tell you that the difference it made — to our spirit and our capabilities — was like night and day." When General Horner was asked to characterize his mentor, he stated: "He untiringly taught all of us, over and over."

Where can you begin? If you're a supervisor, then lead and mentor. If you're not a supervisor, understand those informal contacts mentors are making with you. If you feel like no one is paying attention, then engage your supervisor and seek his or her mentorship.

**Bottom line:** be untiring in your desire to make our Airmen better — actively mentor. If you will do this, we will be better prepared to deploy, fight and return to fight again.

Thanks for your energy and engagement in building our war fighting team!



Graphic by Senior Airman Jacqueline Pender

## Opportunity meets preparation

By Lt. Col. Christopher Harness

72nd Test and Evaluations Squadron commander

When it comes right down to it, you owe your blue uniform to four men.

Every Airman knows the Air Force was born Sept. 18, 1947. Few understand why.

The Air Force proved itself worthy of equal status with its sister services because in World War II it was able to conduct autonomous operations with exclusive objectives.

Although there are many examples of this in every theater of operation, the seminal point in this development of airpower was the combined bomber offensive against Germany.

As members of the Air War Plans Division, Lt. Cols. Harold L. George and Kenneth N. Walker, and Maj. Haywood S. Hansell and Lawrence S. Kuter worked in a hot office during the summer of 1941 to hammer out and secure its approval in nine days! In large part, we have their vision, initiative and expertise to thank for our Air Force blue.

They had the knowledge because all four had cut their air planning teeth at the Air Corp Tactical School, which was established in 1926 at Langley Field, Va. How airpower



General George



General Hansell



General Kuter



General Walker

changed warfare was not pursued at the traditional army professional military education. Aviators back from World War I, excited with the new capabilities the aircraft provided, were frustrated by the lack of imagination displayed by their instructors.

They found relief at ACTS where from the very beginning they concentrated on strategic bombing as the one mission no other service could execute. By the time unsettling breezes became the winds of war in 1939, the men of the Air War Plans Division were ready to create the combined bomber offensive!

Their vision came from the visceral reaction to the slaughter of trench warfare in World War I.

Conventional military strategy was unprepared for the advances in armament like the machine gun and heavy artillery using indirect fire

methods. This resulted in fruitless offensives with a stunning loss of life.

During this conflict, general officers assigned aircraft traditional cavalry missions like observation or artillery spotting.

Hopelessly immersed in the horror of World War I, they were not willing to ponder how airpower changed the strategic calculus.

Refinement of this theory continued at ACTS after the war. As it matured, strategic airpower doctrine developed fundamental truisms.

First, modern great powers must be industrial and therefore rely on a complex economic system for production of weapons and supplies for their armed forces.

Disruption of this system will directly affect the enemy's capability and will to fight. Second, this system is vulnerable at critical points whose destruction will cripple the entire system.

Next, a deliberate, massed air strike has the capability to attack these critical points. Fourth, proper selection of a small set of targets will likely fatally weaken an adversary and secure a victory.

Timing played a large part in the approval of this revolutionary plan.

On July 9, 1941, President Roosevelt asked the secretaries to provide an overall production estimate for the conflict. Lieutenant Colonel George convinced Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold that AWPDP should be responsible for producing the aircraft estimate, and the general in turn convinced Gen. George C. Marshall. The Army general staff was more than happy to farm out a portion of this monumental task.

That open door allowed the four ACTS veterans to take the strategic bombing theory and create a strategy exclusive to airpower.

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## Newsline

### FSC gets new name

On May 15, the name of the Family Support Center was officially changed to the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

### Bunco

Ready to roll those dice with the Enlisted Spouses' Club? The fun begins at 7 p.m. today at Mission's End with good food and plenty of fun.

Contact Tabitha Pleasants at tabithapleasants@hotmail.com or 563-4145 or visit www.whitemanesc.com.

### Go vertical

Test your rock climbing skills at Outdoor Recreation Tuesday from 6-9 p.m., hosted by the Enlisted Spouses' Club.

Contact Tabitha Pleasants for details at tabithapleasants@hotmail.com or 563-4145 or visit www.whitemanesc.com.

### MOAA Dinner set

The Military Officers Association of America Spirit of Missouri Chapter will meet Tuesday June 20, at Mission's End.

The dinner will follow social time, which begins at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Maj. (ret.) Harvey Bayless, who was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen serving during WWII. Please call Janet Allen at 747-3634 or Col. (ret.) John Riffle (816) 540-2929 for reservations.

### Airman's Bash set

The Annual Airman's Bash will be held June 23 at 2 p.m. in the grass field between Columbia and Discovery dorm in front of the Chow hall. There will be free beverages, free food, entertainment from the 'Once Sober' band, a D.J., dunk tank, Slip 'n' Slide and dorm sports tournaments. For more information, call 687-1678.

### Smart Card Logon

The Department of Defense is mandating Smart Card Logon for all Whiteman network user accounts. Air Combat Command is implementing this beginning June 30.

To ensure your Common Access Card is operational and your computer is equipped to allow SCL beforehand, you must logon to the network using your CAC at least once prior to June 30.

If you do not logon at least once using your CAC you will not be able to logon to the network June 30 since username and password logons will not be allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact your CSA.

### Road repairs scheduled

In the Woodview neighborhood, several roads are scheduled for asphalt work.

These streets will be Titan Loop, Schilling Drive, Carswell Circle, March Drive, McConnell Lane and Westover Road between McConnell and March.

This project will mill and overlay the surface of the street and repair some curb and gutter. The work is scheduled to start Monday and continue for approximately six weeks.

Due to the large equipment and the nature of the work, there will be no parking on the streets where the repairs are in progress from 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. daily.

Please exercise caution in construction zones. Large equipment will be used to remove and haul off the existing materials from demolition and installation of new materials.

Please maintain control of children and pets during this time and reduce your vehicle speed to 5 mph in the construction area. These measures will ensure a safe working environment for both base members and construction workers.

For more information regarding these projects, contact Gary Hall, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 687-6281.

# Air Force prepares for Valiant Shield

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Ramey  
Kenney Headquarters Public Affairs

**HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii** – More than 200 Airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base will join three Navy carrier strike groups, elements of a Marine Corps aircraft wing and the Coast Guard for one of the largest joint exercises in the Western Pacific June 19-23.

Called Valiant Shield, about 22,000 U.S. military personnel, 30 ships and 280 aircraft will converge upon the seas and skies near Guam for integrated joint training.

More than 1,000 Airmen and a mix of more than 50 Air Force fighters, bombers, mobility and support aircraft, including B-2s from Whiteman, will participate and air operations will fall under the responsibility of the Gen. George C. Kenney Headquarters at Hickam. Lt. Gen. David Deptula, KHQ commander, will serve as the joint force air component commander for Adm. Gary Roughead, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander and joint task force commander for Valiant Shield.

Working from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, KHQ's Pacific Air Operations Center at Hickam and the Navy's Lincoln, Kitty Hawk and Reagan carrier strike groups; Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Marines will focus on enhancing joint combat skills and interoperability.

"Joint interoperability is the key for U.S. forces to successfully respond to future contingencies," said General Deptula. "Exercises such as Valiant Shield give us an opportunity to ensure joint command, control and communications procedures are seamless, giving our air, sea, land, space and cyberspace warfighters the ability to quickly accomplish the mission with a wide range of interconnected systems and platforms."

With the vast distances of the Pacific Ocean, integrated air and seapower is essential for immediate response to any event within the region. Joint training refines U.S. Pacific Command's ability to present a seamless force to supported and supporting commanders.

"Valiant Shield provides an opportunity to demonstrate and increase the joint force's proficiency to operate in air, sur-

face, subsurface and information mediums," General Deptula said. "It is one of a number of joint and combined exercises conducted in the Pacific to hone our military capability and ensure stability and security throughout the entire Asia-Pacific region."

Valiant Shield builds upon and replaces U.S. Pacific Command's annual Joint Air and Sea Exercises that had been held over the past three years. As the joint force air component commander for the exercise, General Deptula will command all service aviation assets to ensure unity of effort from a joint perspective.

"As the military gets leaner, determining who will be selected as the functional air component commander will depend more on which service component has optimal command and control capabilities rather than the number of forces assigned," General Deptula said. "KHQ is ready to oversee this responsibility whenever called upon and our Airmen look forward to working with our sister services and regional partners in projecting peace, power and presence throughout the Pacific for many years to come."

## More voluntary retirements announced for officers

### Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON**—The Air Force is offering additional voluntary retirements to a select group of officers.

As a result of the Fiscal 2006 National Defense Authorization Act, the Force Shaping Program Phase II additional measures offer voluntary retirements to officers with at least eight years Total Active Federal Commissioned Service and 20 years Total Active Federal Military Service.

The Air Force will waive active duty service commitments (except Aviation Continuation Pay, Judge Advocate Continuation Pay and Critical Skills Retention Bonus) and allow officers meeting these criteria to apply for voluntary retirement on Sept. 1, 2006, or earlier.

Lieutenant colonels and colonels who are retirement eligible are encouraged to apply for

retirement between now and Sept. 1, 2007.

There are currently 23 officers at Whiteman who have at least 8 years TAFSCD and 20 years TAFMSD with their Active Duty Service Commitment ending before Sept. 1, 2007. In all, there are 36 officers eligible if they are waiving the ADSC.

Some force shaping initiatives are still offered such as the "Blue to Green" option for officers and the waiver for lieutenant colonels and colonels to retire with two years time in grade through 2007. The Air Force is also authorizing a temporary program to allow officers to establish a voluntary retirement date up to 15 months in advance.

If not enough volunteers elect to retire under this force shaping initiative, a Selective Early Retirement Board could convene in 2007.

## Best in DOD



Courtesy photo

Former Senior Airman Joe Lacdan received the Thomas Jefferson Print Journalist of the Year Award May 5 from NBC News Correspondent Pete Williams. Mr. Lacdan, a former member of the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs and editor of the *Spirit Times*, was the Air Force representative for this Department of Defense level award after winning Air Force Print Journalist of the Year. This award recognizes the DOD journalist who exemplifies the highest standards of military print journalism. Mr. Lacdan is currently attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., with a major in journalism.



Photo by Maj. David Kurle

## Missouri governor gets 442nd patch

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan**—Missouri Governor Matt Blunt receives a 303rd Fighter Squadron patch from Lt. Col. John Hoff, a reservist deployed here from the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., while Chief Master Sgt. Steve Brazeal, right, and Senior Master Melissa Spawn look on. Governor Blunt toured the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and visited with Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines from Missouri deployed overseas.



# Lt. Dan Band Brings down the house

Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Olsen



**RIGHT:** Mari Anne Jayme leads a 'train' of Whiteman members through the audience Wednesday during the Lt. Dan Band concert at the 5-bay hangar.

**BELOW:** Gary Sinise walks through the crowd while playing bass. More than 800 members of Team Whiteman came out to enjoy the music of the Lt. Dan Band as part of a USO tour.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton



Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Olsen

**Master Sgt. Todd Sieleman, 442nd Fighter Wing, shakes hands with actor Gary Sinise. Mr. Sinise visited more than 50 442nd FW members Wednesday before they left for a deployment Thursday.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

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## Preparation, from Page 2

After all, how can you provide production estimates if you don't have a clear idea on how the aircraft will be used? They would build the strategy first and from that a solid production plan can be created.

Lieutenant Colonel George was the lead and chief salesman. He would drive the planning and demand a perfect presentation made by memory.

Then Major Hansell would bring his knowledge of German industrial infrastructure to select

the vulnerable points to target. Lieutenant Colonel Walker was the numbers man, bringing the bombing tables he created at ACTS to estimate the number of sorties needed per target.

Major Kuter, in addition to his experience in ACTS, brought an addition benefit that Lieutenant Colonel George was quick to capitalize on: Major Kuter was well respected at Army G-3.

The chief of G-3, Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, became the

first general officer to receive the AWPD-1 briefing, and when he reacted favorably to the proposal, the toughest hurdle was behind them.

So don't tell me the Air Force is too big for an individual to make a difference.

Four men created your service because they were prepared when the opportunity arose, they had a shared vision of where they wanted to go and they had they drive to make it happen!

# Whiteman Spirit Award



Photo by Maj. Joe DellaVedova

## Staff Sgt. Angela Doughty and Senior Airmen Michael Booker, Harry Peek and Jordan Dingman 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Angela Doughty and Senior Airmen Michael Booker, Harry Peek and Jordan Dingman, all from the 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, May 22.

Greg Smith, 509th CES, nominated the Airmen for the awards.

The Airmen are all part of the 442nd fire fighters who were backfilling here at the fire station due to the 509th CES, Air Expeditionary Force obligations and critical manning.

“Upon their arrival Feb. 1, and to the present time, I have continually observed all of them up early in the morning long before normal wake up call out cleaning their vehicles and taking pride in their truck ensuring that their vehicles were ready for the next crew,” Mr. Smith said. “I have witnessed them working late at 10 p.m. making sure that the areas they are in charge of were cleaned and ready for the next morning.”

### Staff Sgt. Doughty personally speaking

**Time on Station:** Four years

**Time in Service:** 12 years

**Hometown:** Clarksburg, Mo.

**Children:** Kirstan, 12, and Cheyenne, 10

**Hobbies:** Scuba diving, horse back riding and volleyball

**Goals:** To be a good fire fighter, Airman and a great mom

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The people and the way it feels like home

**Pet Peeves:** Lazy people

**What motivates your winning spirit?** My boyfriend Michael Armstrong, my two daughters and their smiling faces: I feed off the positive energy of the people around me.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** I would like to have more interaction with the other branches of the service here on base.

### Senior Airman Dingman personally speaking

**Time on Station:** One year, four months

**Time in Service:** Two years, five months

**Hometown:** Carthage, Mo.

**Hobbies:** Watching the Cardinals and Chiefs games

**Goals:** Eventually getting on to a civilian fire department

**Best thing about Whiteman:** Everybody is great to work with

**Pet Peeves:** Civilians thinking just because I'm in the Air Force I fly planes

**What motivates your winning spirit?** Self-respect

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** Can't think of any right off the top of my head. I suppose that is a good thing right?

### Senior Airman Booker personally speaking

**Time on Station:** Two years

**Time in Service:** Six years

**Hometown:** Overland Park, Ks.

**Goals:** To be the best at what I do

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The Whiteman community

**Pet Peeves:** Two-faced people

**What motivates your winning spirit?** Willingness to learn and do the best I can do

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** A better base exchange

### Senior Airman Peek personally speaking

**Time on Station:** Three years

**Time in Service:** Three years

**Hometown:** Bolivar, Mo.

**Spouse:** Tamera L. Heinz - Peek

**Children:** Alexis, 10, and Taylor, 7

**Hobbies:** Basketball, fishing with my daughters and camping with family and friends

**Goals:** To put 20-plus years in the Air Force and to be a good NCO and Senior NCO in the future

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The friendly atmosphere

**Pet Peeves:** People in the military who do not know the difference between Reserves and the National Guard

**What motivates your winning spirit?** My long family history in the military; I am third-generation military.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** I think it would be beneficial if it was smoother between the active duty and the Reserves. This can happen with continued interaction between the 442nd Fighter Squadron and the 509th Bomb Wing



## 'Record time'



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mikal Canfield

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam** – Master Sgt. Kelly Costa, 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, keeps time as athlete Isaac Belajadia watches the action. Sergeant Costa was one of 12 volunteers from the 36th EAMXS, 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and 36th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron who helped out at the 2006 Guam Special Olympics aquatic event June 3. The Airmen are deployed here from the 509th Bomb Wing.

## Crossword puzzle answers

Here are the answers to this week's crossword puzzle on page 15.



**Drinking  
and driving  
don't mix.  
Call AADD,  
687-RIDE**



# BACK TO SCHOOL:

*Air Force Retirees Return as Civilians to Instruct the Next Generation of Pilots*



**A**bove: John Harris, 394th Northrup Grumman instructor, explains the operation of the B-2 radar system to his students. Mr. Harris is one of nine individuals who retired from the Air Force and is now instructing in the Northrup Grumman aircrew training office. Aircrew training instructors spend more than 1,300 hours in the classrooms each year teaching more than 600 lessons. Counting study and preparation time, they save the 394th CTS pilots nearly 3,000 hours a year.

**R**ight: Britt Banks, Northrup Grumman instructor, oversees 1st Lt. Brooks Walters (left) and Capt. Todd Crooks, both from the 394th Combat Training Squadron, during their IRT class. The instructors train 16 Instrument Refresher Course students and five Regualification Training Course students a year. Instructors can tailor the academic lessons depending on how long the pilot has been out of the airplane, said Bill Craig, Northrup Grumman lead instructor.



**M**arilyn Danko, Northrup Grumman curriculum developer, and Al Miller, Northrup Grumman instructor, discuss changes to the communications lesson. Curriculum developers provide 8,000 hours each year maintaining more than 4,000 slides and 6,000 pages of student and instructor books for 232 hours of classroom instruction. In addition, two instructors are certified to teach Instrument Refresher Course, required for every B-2 pilot each year.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett - Graphic Design by Melissa Klinkner



## Team Whiteman Community

### Car wash fundraiser set

The Senior NCO Induction Banquet car wash fundraiser will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday in the base exchange parking lot.

Funds will be used to support the banquet being held July 28. Any donations are appreciated.

### Thrift store sale

The thrift store will be having a special tag sale June 27 and June 30. All purple tag items will be 50 percent off.

Thrift store hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The thrift store will be closed in the month of July.

## Education

Call the base education center at 687-5750 for more details on these events.

### Montgomery GI Bill information

The Montgomery GI Bill can be very confusing.

For instance, the amount of money you receive if you use the MGIB while on

active duty is vastly different than if you use this benefit after separation.

There is also a “kicker” you can purchase that will add money to your monthly payments.

For more information on the MGIB, call the education office at 687-5750.

### Applying for tuition assistance

Just got back from that long deployment and eager to restart your education but don't remember all the steps?

Go to the Whiteman Intranet and click on the Education Office. On the Education Office main page click on “Online TA.” This will take you to the AF Portal. Logon the Portal and click the “Apply for TA” link on the right side and follow the prompts.

If you have trouble, call the education center at 687-5750, or come by and use one of the student computers in our lobby.

### Tuition assistance rules

Out of all the benefits you earn while on active duty, 100 percent tuition assistance ranks among one of the most important.

However, there are rules you must abide by. The university or college you want to attend must be regionally or nationally accredited.

If you fail to complete the course you must reimburse the tuition back to the gov-

ernment.

For more information, call the education office or come by Bldg. 145.

## Family Readiness

Call 687-7132 for more details on these Airman and family readiness center activities.

### Pre-retirement briefing set

A pre-retirement briefing for people retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. For more information, call the military personnel flight at 687-1500 or 687-6720.

### DTAP Program for those with service connected disabilities

A briefing by a veteran affairs counselor targets individuals being separated due to a service connected disability, those being medically discharged, and those who suspect they have a service connected disability. The briefing is 12:20 p.m. Monday and reservations are required.

### WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children

who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

### Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

### Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth-move seminar for people planning to move overseas in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders are not necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

### Airman's Attic open to all ranks in June

The Attic will be open to all ranks for the month of June. The Attic is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All items are free. The Attic is located in the same building as the Post Office and Military Clothing and Sales. Donations are always welcomed.



# Happy birthday U.S. Army

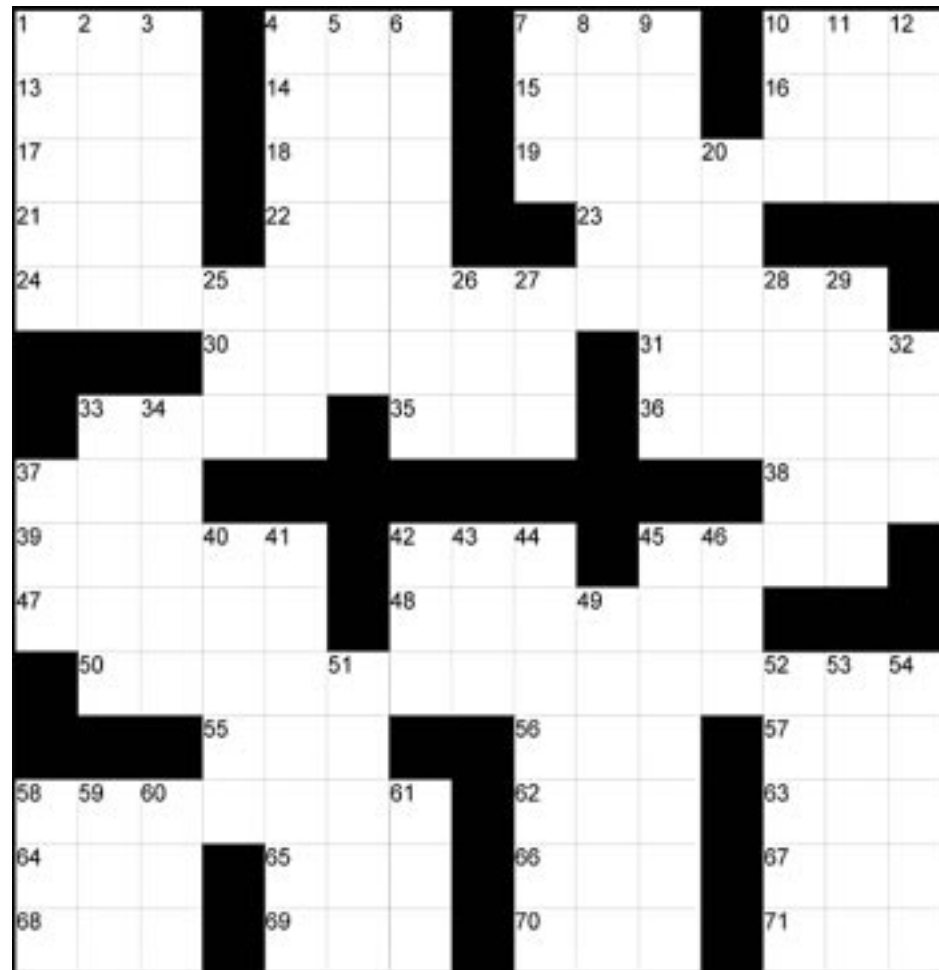
**By Capt. Tony Wickman**  
 71st Flying Training Wing Public  
 Affairs

## Across

1. Mil. pay entitlement
4. Lost actor Daniel \_\_ Kim
7. U.S. Army NCO
10. USA rank equivalent to USAF Command Chief
13. NY Giant Manning
14. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly
15. USAF NCO report
16. Auto club
17. Stimp's pal
18. Part of WAPS testing
19. Horse-drawn vehicle used to carry artillery ammo, caskets
21. Federal environmental org.
22. Bullring cheer
23. USAF medal above Airman's Medal
24. U.S. Army motto
30. Horn
31. Languid
33. Computes
35. Goddess of the dawn
36. More recent
37. USAF Pilot with 5+ aerial kills
38. \_\_ Claire
39. Judge \_\_
42. Heart test, in short
45. Brisk
47. Scary
48. Badly
50. Headline grabber
55. And so forth, in short
56. Army BDU replacement
57. Vehicle
58. U.S. Army member
62. Head movement
63. Japanese sash
64. Water to walk on
65. Gun lobby
66. Before, poetically
67. Formerly known as
68. Spy org.
69. Wane
70. \_\_ Moines
71. Fourth year high school students, in short

## Down

1. Headgear for 58 ACROSS
2. Hebrew letter
3. Egyptian peninsula
4. Cuts off
5. Sock type
6. Golden Girl Getty
7. Min. part
8. Tool for 58 ACROSS
9. Fabulous beast
10. USAF mission to support USA
11. \_\_ Paulo
12. Person
20. Locale
25. Dejected
26. Fifth sign of the zodiac
27. ER attendants
28. Staircase support
29. Fear
32. Eliza Dushku show \_\_ Calling
33. Land measurements
34. Farm equipment maker
37. Summer beverage
40. Ate
41. Decree beforehand
42. Fifth time zone west of Greenwich
43. Bright-colored Asian carp
44. Whimpered
45. Monet and others
46. Popeye's girl Olive
49. Curtain call
51. Sharp or biting
52. Desktop images
53. U.S. Army officers' sword
54. Attempts
58. Trespass
59. U.S. Army commissioning source
60. Lawn
61. Item for USAF controlled areas



Answers to this week's puzzle are on page 9



# HELP WANTED

The 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office is looking for a qualified individual to assist in the editing, layout and production of the Whiteman Air Force Base newspaper, the Spirit Times.

Applicants for this part-time job must be quick learners, organized and proficient in the use of Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign and Adobe Illustrator.

Those with any photography and journalism experience are desired.

Applicants can send resumes to  
[spirit.times@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:spirit.times@whiteman.af.mil)



## Safe at home



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Bryan Brown, 509th Chiefs and Shirts team, makes a close play under the watchful eye of home plate umpire John O'Conner as Brandon Smith, 509th Maintenance Group, prepares to slide in Monday during the softball intramural opening game at Skelton Park. The weapons team defeated the chiefs and shirts team 7-4 to begin the regular season, which runs through July 11.





Services Page editor.....Poppy Arthurton  
509th Services Squadron.....687-7929  
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Today

Karaoke

Free karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Mission’s End.

Saturday

Katy Trail bike ride

Join outdoor recreation for the second stage of the Katy Trail ride from Sedalia to Pilot Grove, Mo. The ride will take place 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and the cost is \$7 per person. Bring a bike, puncture repair kit, lunch and plenty of water. Outdoor recreation will supply a free bike and helmet if necessary.

Make it for Dad

Spend the afternoon making crafts and gifts for Father’s Day. Suitable for children ages 5 to 12, the event takes place 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the community center and costs \$2. Stay for a free family friendly movie afterwards.

Sunday

Family golf

Get the family together for some fun on the golf course. A family of four can play 9 holes with a cart for \$30. The tees will be set up 200 yards or less from the hole and the whole family should hit from the same tee.

Trip to support the Royals

Outdoor recreation is providing transportation to the Kansas City Royals game. The van leaves at 10:30 a.m. from outdoor recreation. \$10 covers transport and parking. The game is free for military I.D. card holders so don’t forget your card! The first 10,000 children 14 years and

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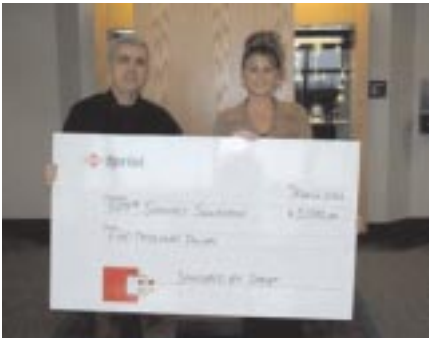


Photo by Donna Barker

**Rick Grabill, Area Public Affairs Manager for Sprint, presents Brenda Alexander, 509th Services Squadron Commercial Sponsorship Coordinator, with a check for \$5,000 in support of the many events and programs the squadron provides to Whiteman AFB active-duty members and their families. “As a corporate citizen in many of the communities in the Whiteman area, Sprint is proud to support the 509th Services Squadron and the valuable programs and services it provides,” Grabill said.**

Summer Reading Program at the library

Story by SVS marketing

Join the Summer Reading Program at the library. This year the library is running two programs, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales which is for ages 12 and under kicked off on June 2 but children can still join at anytime and Creature Feature which is for ages 13 to 18 and begins July 7, with a kick-off party at 6:30 pm.  
There are many different events hap-

pening this summer during the program.  
- Nine different weekly presentations and demonstrations, all Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the library, and all on animal topics. Wednesday’s presentation will be given by Theresa Ramsey from Knob Noster State Park who will be discussing Missouri birds.  
- Three evening parties Friday nights, which are the two kick-off parties, and the big finale party.

- A very special Monday morning presentation after the program in August that features the Kansas City Zoo.  
- Prizes to be given out every week, plus each and every person that joins will receive a free book.  
The Summer Reading Program has a lot to offer this year. So come in and sign up to read and win prizes. For more information please stop by the library or call 687-5614.

younger will receive a free toy. Call outdoor recreation to reserve a place.

Tuesday

Beginner jewelry class

Learn a new skill with a beginner jewelry class 9-11 a.m. at arts and crafts. The cost is \$15 plus supplies. Sign up by noon Monday.

Creative journalling for scrapbooks

Make the most of your journalling and pick up some new ideas on how to incorporate letters, e-mails and notes and display them in new ways. The class takes place 10 a.m.-noon at arts and crafts and costs \$10 plus supplies. Sign up by noon on Monday

Etched mirror class

Learn how to create an etched mirror with a three session class which starts 2-4 p.m. today at arts and crafts. The cost is \$40 including supplies. Sign up by noon on Monday.

Summer ball league

Get out of the heat and meet new people with the Stars and Strikes summer ball league. Participants even receive a brand new Track or Columbia 300 bowling ball just for taking part. The league bowls 7 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the summer and the cost is \$14 per week per person. Teams are three-person and Track representatives will attend one of the weeks to run an on-lane clinic for all members.

Wednesday

Stained glass mosaic frame

Get started on a stained glass mosaic frame with a new class at arts and crafts. The class takes place 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday and June 21 and costs \$20 which includes supplies. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Adult-youth bowling league

Four-person teams (two adults, two 18 years or younger) are invited to join in the Wednesday night summer bowling league at the Stars and Strikes. The bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$24 per team per week.

Thursday

Stroller strut

Get together with moms and tots of stroller age for a stroll around Whiteman. The group will meet at 10 a.m. at the shelter near Vandenburg and 10th for a fun morning that will introduce the little ones to the sights, smells and feel of nature. This is a free event.

Spirit 4-H club meeting

A meeting to introduce youths ages 5 to 19 to the 4-H club will take place 6-7 p.m. at the teen center. The overall aim of the organization is to help youths acquire knowledge, life skills and attitudes which will enable them to become self-directive, productive and contributing members of society. This is achieved through educational activities, fun and guidance from skilled volunteer leaders.

Club tech

Teens can join in the weekly club tech meetings 5-7 p.m. Thursdays at the teen center. Participants learn Web design, newsletter layout and computer languages. The activity is free for teen center members.

Available now...

Pool passes

Passes for the swimming pool are now available from outdoor recreation. Families can swim all season for \$50 and individuals for \$25. Call or stop by for details.

Coming up...

Movie Schedule

7 p.m. Friday, June 9

Silent Hill PG-13

7 p.m. Saturday, June 10

Akeelah the Bee PG-13

5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11

American Dreamz PG-13

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75  
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110  
Movies subject to change due to availability.

Basic oil change class

Learn how to change your own oil with a class 10 a.m.-noon June 16 at auto hobby. The class costs \$5 plus supplies. Sign up by Wednesday.

Teen trip to Paradise Park

Paradise Park in Lee’s Summit, Mo., has a lot to offer with miniature golf, bumper cars, batting cages and arcade games. The teen center trip takes place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. June 16 and costs \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Participants will need extra money for lunch and arcade games.

Picnic in the park

Kids night out on June 16 will be a summer picnic in the park opposite the security forces building. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. and is open to children ages 6 to 12. Dinner of hot dog, chips, cookies and drinks will be provided as will lots of fun outdoor activities. The cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Sign up starts Monday.

Family Child Care news

Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty and emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed prior to participation. Call for more details.

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Squadron telephone directory

Combat Support Flight

Fitness Center.....687-5496  
Library.....687-5614  
Ozark Inn.....687-5469  
Touch & Go.....687-2700  
Whiteman Inn.....687-1844

Community Support Flight

Arts and Crafts Center.....687-5691  
Auto Hobby Shop.....687-5689  
Bowling Center.....687-5114  
Outdoor Recreation.....687-5565  
Mission’s End.....687-4422  
Golf Course.....687-5572  
Tickets and Travel.....687-5565  
Veterinary Clinic.....687-2667

Family Member Support Flight

Child Development Center.....687-5588  
Community Center.....687-5617  
Family Child Care.....687-5590  
Teen Center.....687-5819  
Youth Center.....687-5586

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